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**AMENDMENT / RESPONSE TRANSMITTAL**

Applicant : Yong Hua Zhu, et al.  
 App. No : 10/614,650  
 Filed : July 7, 2003  
 For : DEVICE FOR CLOSING TISSUE  
 OPENINGS  
 Examiner : Melanie J. Hand  
 Art Unit : 3761

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May 1, 2006

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**Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified application are the following enclosures:

- (X) Response to Restriction Requirement in 1 page.
- (X) Supplemental Amendment in 7 pages.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

The present application qualifies for Small Entity Status under 37 CFR 1.27.

FEE CALCULATION				
FEE TYPE		FEE CODE	CALCULATION	TOTAL
Excess Claims	29- 33 = 0	2202 (\$25)	0 x 25 =	\$0
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- (X) Return prepaid postcard.

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**Mail Stop Amendment**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed by the Office on March 29, 2006, Applicants hereby elect to proceed with substantive examination in connection with species (6), a tissue closure device having lumens that do not communicate with one another.

Applicants are filing a Supplemental Amendment simultaneously with this Response. In the Supplemental Amendment, the claim set is amended so as to have a single independent claim, Claim 21, from which all other claims depend.

Claim 21 is readable on the elected species, as are all the claims that depend therefrom, which include Claims 2-15, 17-20, 22, 24-33 and new Claim 34.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: 5/1/06

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